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## Citizens Urged To Vote "Yes" on Fire Millage

By Dorothy Nesler

On Tuesday, March 2, 1993, the City of Romulus will hold a special election of prime importance to its residents. At issue is our fire department's ability to maintain the current level of service that it provides to the community. The Department is asking Romulus citizens to approve a tax increase of two mills so that this goal can be achieved.

The proposed amendment to the Romulus City Charter reads as follows: "Proposed Amendment of Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus to change the taxation power of the City by increasing the total millage from ten (10) Mills to twelve (12) Mills. Two (2) Mills dedicated solely for the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department.

"Shall Section 11.1 of the Charter of the City of Romulus be amended to increase the millage from ten (10) Mills to twelve (12) Mills with two (2) of the Mills (\$2.00) per (\$1,000.00) being dedicated solely for the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department?"

The passage of this amendment by the voters of Romulus will enable our volunteer firefighters to maintain their current level of service and operation, both by giving them the opportunity to continue their education and training, and by permitting the Department to purchase some badly needed equipment. The additional money will allow them to learn about and use the most current, effective, firefighting techniques and equipment.

Specific Department needs include a 100-foot aerial platform enabling firefighters to get into buildings that are more than one floor in height.

We are also in need of two automatic

defibrillation machines – also known as "heart-start" machines, or "paddles" – which are used when a citizen has undergone cardiac arrest. Two of these machines will be provided by Community Emergency Medical Services, the private company which provides ambulance service to the City of Romulus.

The Department also needs modern "1990s" firefighters' suits and heavy-duty rescue equipment for both the Department as a whole and Fire Station #1 in particular.

Fire Chief William Greenslait also hopes to institute a five-year plan for better protection for our firefighters, and feels that our department will need at least 10 to 15 years to replace our out-moded fire equipment.

The average Romulus home has a State Equalized Value, or SEV (calculated at about half the home's market value), of \$25,000. The owner of such a home, paying \$2 for each \$1,000 of SEV, would pay no more than \$50 in additional taxes per year.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, March 2. Your "yes" vote will provide the much-needed funding for the operation and maintenance of the Romulus Fire Department.

Support our Romulus Fire Department. Remember: The life they save may be yours!

A digression: Two years ago, the founder and editor of this newspaper, David Atkins, died of a sudden heart attack which occurred at his home. If our fire department had been equipped with "heart-start" machines, his life might have been saved.

The Romulus News is in full support of this millage. □



Fire Chief William Greenslait talks to senior citizens at the Romulus Tower apartments about fire safety.

## Bankruptcy No "Easy Answer"

Have you been living the good life on credit cards and "no-money-down" deals? Have you been turned down on a consolidation loan to consolidate your consolidation loans? Feeling a little pinched in the wallet? Don't let your financial situation become another statistic in the growing rate of personal bankruptcy filings.

"The bankruptcy boom is here to stay unless American consumers reduce their debt load or the credit industry alters its practices, or both," explained Michael Kelly, director of public information for the Michigan Credit Union League. "Many consumers are struggling to make ends meet. Their debt load is at the max. If anything happens to their budget – such as the loss of a job or unplanned medical expense – it all comes tumbling down."

Job-loss or high medical expenses from illness or injury account for more than 60% of consumer bankruptcy, yet plain credit misuse is also a major factor. The most consistent indicator of trouble is when a consumer owes multiple balances to National credit-card issuers. A consumer with high levels of unsecured debt and a number of large-dollar signature loans may also be heading for trouble. Other warning signs of bankruptcy include: pyramiding debt, dealings with finance companies, major and frequent life-style changes, few real assets, and a "nothing to lose" attitude.

Unfortunately, consumers have no idea what bankruptcy costs them in the form of high interest rates, tough lending guidelines at financial institutions, and high prices in stores. Nearly half the fees consumers pay for credit cards are used to cover credit-card bankruptcy losses.

Bankruptcy law is designed to relieve persons of crushing debt beyond

their control. A bankruptcy court can allow a debtor to build a new life by nullifying some or all debts. But bankruptcy is not an easy answer to debt problems.

US law takes two approaches to bankruptcy. Chapter 7 is known as "straight liquidation," in which most debts are discharged 100%. Chapter 13 provides for repayment of some or all debt under court supervision. As long as the debtor makes agreed-upon payments to a trustee, creditors are held at bay.

But either option has drawbacks, according to *Everybody's Money*, the consumer magazine for credit-union members, published by the Credit Union National Association.

- Attorney and filing fees can total hundreds of dollars.
- Not all debts are dischargeable. Debts you can't get out from under through bankruptcy include income taxes, most student loans, debts of more than \$500 for luxury goods or services, and cash advances of more than \$1,000 obtained soon before filing.
- A person cannot apply for straight bankruptcy again for six years after debts are discharged.
- Credit bureaus can keep a bankruptcy on record for 10 years, making further credit hard to get and more expensive.
- Bankruptcy can be demoralizing.

There are alternatives to bankruptcy. If you're in a financial bind and feel that you may be living beyond your means, seek financial counseling at your credit union, or call Consumer Credit Counseling Service at (800) 338-CCCS.

For a free *Everybody's Money* pamphlet on bankruptcy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Bankruptcy," Michigan Credit Union League, G&PA, P.O. Box 5210, Detroit, MI 48235. □

## Romulus Chamber of Commerce Seeks To Double Its Membership

In a concerted effort to double its current membership of approximately 125 businesses and executives, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will soon commence a three-month membership drive.

This drive – according to Chamber Board of Directors member Dolores Witzgall, owner of the Polka-Dot Party Pantry on Goddard Road in Downtown Romulus – will feature a variety of efforts designed to achieve the Chamber's objective.

"First of all," said Witzgall, "Chamber of Commerce directors and other membership team volunteers will be calling on local business establish-

ments to talk with them about the benefits of membership in the organization, hoping to encourage their enrollment.

"Also," she added, "our campaign will feature special incentives, such as a bonus of two free months of membership for everyone who enrolls during the drive."

Anyone who would like to volunteer his/her time for the membership drive, or who would like to join the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, should call Karan Cantrell, executive secretary for the Chamber, at 326-4290, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. □



# The Lighter Slice

## Sick with the Soaps

By Tom Shamanski

Want a sure-fire, guaranteed way to beat the flu? Eat a lot more, and the extra fat cells will buffer you against the winter's scourge. . . . Of course, I'm telling you this because, for me this year, my pudgy method didn't work. I got fat and sick at the same time – just a flabby mass of tissue that couldn't walk for two days.

Waking in the morning, I was able to work my way downstairs, but that 30 seconds of brutal physical activity had me diving for the sofa, ready to finally sign my organ-donor card and pass out.

But, with a few days' rest and plenty of chocolate shakes, I was feeling near-human again, though still pajama-ed and house-bound. Still too weak for much activity, I thought I'd catch an afternoon movie like I did as a kid, feigning near-death to miss school and watch Bill Kennedy on Channel 9. (Do you remember those days? If so, best not admit it!)

Anyway, snuggling deeply into the sofa, I covered myself with an old, comfy afghan and, with gleeful anticipation, picked up the remote and started channel-flipping. I was searching for Annette and Frankie frolicking with beach balls and Hula-hoops on an inviting beach somewhere. (Sorry, folks, it's what I grew up with. . . . I can't help it!)

So, I was all set for the afternoon, right? Of course not. Within minutes, my sister Judy – coming home from errands and such – immediately grasped the situation and stopped short.

Instead of a "Hi," or perhaps an "Are you feeling better, dear brother?" I got clobbered with "Where are my soaps?" Now, I knew what she was talking about; still, I wanted to say, "Have you tried looking in the laundry room?" Quickly, I discarded that notion, being in weakened condition and spotting smoke jetting from Judy's ears. Life is already too short.

Readjusting my pillows and anticipation, I watched soaps for a few hours. Now, perhaps you're thinking that I'm about to launch into a series of soapy

put-downs, but, actually, I really enjoyed what I saw. There was *The Young and the Restless*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and part of one other whose name escapes me. This isn't meant as a put-down, of course, but it does occur to me that the soap producers could easily conjure up more realistic titles. I mean, they're living and breathing on the same planet we are, right? So, what's wrong with *The Crude and the Clumsy*, or even *The Smelly and the Slovenly*? I know that I'd sure fit in there, somewhere.

It had been years since I watched any soaps, and it seemed that most everything about them had improved: settings were more realistic, dialogue was more convincing, and – from where I sat – leading ladies were more beautiful. Then again, perhaps my eyes are simply getting older. Naw. . . .

One difficult thing, though, was trying to unravel each soap's personal relationships. For instance, who's married to/separated from/divorced from whom? And who's about to have What's-his-name's baby, and how is it they'll all end up cousins? And who the heck killed John's second wife's paternal uncle's youngest son, and why didn't he/she kill his third daughter, instead, since she's mean, hateful, and deserves it anyway?

Hoping that Judy would help me out with all this, I started asking some darn intelligent questions. At first, she was very patient, explaining this and that . . . until we reached a point where it became downright overwhelming, and *she* got confused. Tossing the remote in my direction, she got up, mumbled something about having a pain somewhere, and escaped to her room to watch her TV.

Me? I left the soaps behind and, finding an old Elvis movie, promptly fell asleep. Looking back, though, it was a fun way to pass some time, and I recommend it highly. But, if you're a novice like I am, perhaps you should send away for the past 50 or so transcripts so that you can catch the Dreft, not buck the Tide. □

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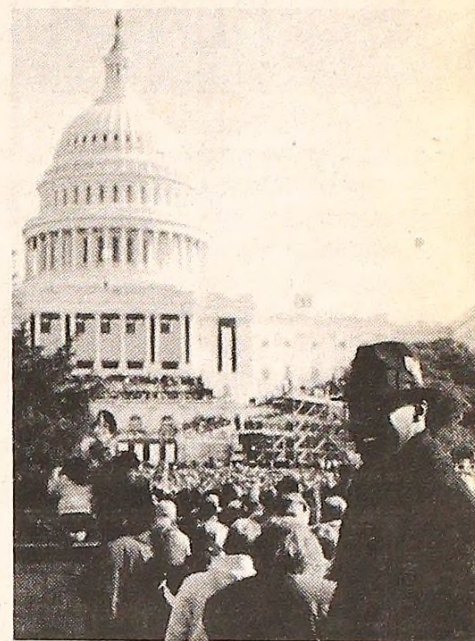
By Randy Gear, City Councilman, City of Romulus

When Shawn McCracken and I took our recent trip to Washington, D.C.'s 52nd Presidential Inaugural - billed as "The American Reunion" - it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We met people from all across the United States who came by the bus-loads to partake in the week's numerous activities, including "The Reunion on the Mall," "The American Gala," and "The Salute to Children and Youth."

One of the most interesting events was Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's breakfast, given in Georgetown at a restaurant called Milano's. This is where we ran into Mayor Beverly McAnally, who had been there for most of the morning and was on her way to another event. Mayor McAnally's was only one of many familiar faces at the affair, as several City, County, and State officials were in attendance, along with the most important people of all - the neighborhood "grassroots" supporters.

As the days went by, Shawn and I visited many of the landmarks around the Washington, D.C. area and talked with people from all over the Country. Everyone we spoke to had their own personal reasons for coming to participate in the week's events: some had children marching in the parade, some had met President Clinton at the shopping-mall rally in Vermont, and some just wanted to be a part of the coming together of our nation, its leaders, and the people. There was also a lot of "stargazing" going on, as celebrities from the movies, television, and the recording industry swarmed the city.

One evening, the Michigan Delegation gave a large "get-acquainted" party at one of the popular restaurants on Capitol Hill. Among the attendees were Mayor Beverly McAnally; Michigan's Secretary of State, Richard Austin; Dennis Archer, a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice who will soon be seeking election to Detroit's mayoral office; and WDIV-Channel 4 news anchor Mort Crim.



Councilman Randy Gear

The day of the swearing-in ceremony was very clear and bright, but also extremely cold. Thousands of people had been standing for hours to hear President Clinton's speech. Following Clinton's brief - but widely acclaimed - address, poet Maya Angelou spoke to the hushed multitude of listeners, and her poetry and voice were deeply moving.

Afterward, the parades began, and the people prepared for a gala night of celebrations.

The Smithsonian Institute was the site of many of the evening's events, including Michigan's, which was held at the Museum of Natural History. Shawn and I also attended an affair held in the Science and Space Museum, where the huge gathering was being entertained by the almost universally popular Four Tops. There, we got a chance to see the President and his wife "close up" when they made a brief appearance to dance with the crowd, speak to the audience, then dash off to yet another celebration.

Altogether, the 52nd Presidential Inaugural was a whirlwind week of learning experiences that Shawn and I will treasure for a lifetime. □

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Supervisor Chris Gamber, daughter Dana, and Mayor Beverly McAnally



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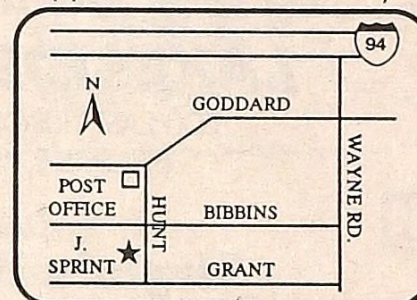
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# Romulus Profile: Dennis Oakes



By Tom Shamanski

In 1979, Romulus' Community Development Director, Dennis Oakes, went head-to-head with the powerful US Army Corps of Engineers . . . and won. In a recent interview, I asked the 43-year-old Oakes to elaborate.

"When I started working for the Corps," he explained, "they were 10 years into a \$180-million flood-control project for the Mt. Clemens area. They had already spent millions in planning, engineering, and designing; but when I analyzed the project, I could see that it wouldn't work. So, I ended up killing it."

Oakes added that, initially, the Corps fought him on this issue, but, in the end, his calculations proved to be correct. As Oakes ultimately saved the taxpayers millions of dollars, he is justifiably proud of his achievement.

When I met Oakes in his office at Romulus City Hall, I found him to be an imposing, impeccably dressed individual who is, more importantly, a very friendly man. He was appointed to his present post six years ago by Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally.

Said Oakes, "The Mayor is a tremendous lady, a terrific mayor, and I love her dearly. She's knowledgeable, dedicated, and good for the City."

Oakes — who was born in Anderson, Indiana — graduated from Indiana's Ball

State University in 1970 with a degree in regional urban planning. Additionally, he recently took part in Michigan State University's Political Leadership Program.

Saying that he has "always been a planner," Oakes began his career in 1973 in Jackson, Michigan. As a planner for Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Jackson counties, Oakes "did a little of everything." A few of his varied duties were conducting studies on traffic, housing, water quality, and zoning ordinances.

In 1978, Oakes left Jackson and began his work with the aforementioned Corps of Engineers out of Detroit. While with the Corps, he was titled project manager and community planner.

Five years later, Oakes took a planning position with the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) in Southgate. While with DCC from 1983 to 1987, Oakes traveled to, and worked with, all the Downriver communities, including Romulus.

"While working in Romulus," Oakes said, "I naturally got acquainted with the Mayor. In 1987, she asked if I would like to be Romulus' community planner, and I accepted the job."

When asked about his major responsibilities as the community development director, Oakes stated, "I'm in charge of coordinating all developmental activity within the City. Also, I'm heavily involved

in trying to attract new business and industry to Romulus, and I'm in charge of the TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) program, as well.

Oakes went on to explain that money obtained through TIFA is plowed back into the City in order to improve the community and to promote new development and investment.

"TIFA," said Oakes, "is about the only financial tool that the City has left. . . . And this situation is true pretty much throughout the State."

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I asked Oakes to list two achievements of which he is the most proud.

"One would be getting the Metro Center as far as it is today," he said. "Plus, using only TIF money, we're ready to start constructing the Vining Road and I-94 interchange — a \$10-million project. We've been planning all this since 1984 and, in this business, this is fast!"

A second achievement mentioned by Oakes was his involvement in planning for the Flat Rock Mazda plant. At the time, he was with DCC.

"I got involved early on," he explained, "and, starting right after the 1983 ground-breaking for the project, I first put together Federal money for utilities. I also worked on road planning and overall site planning, plus I did several environmental access reports."

Oakes added that Mazda was a \$500-million project, and also noted that he actually helped some of the Japanese executives get settled in.

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Oakes is a 20-year member of the American Planning Association. Also, he belongs to the American Institute of Certified Planners.

In 1991, Oakes became a charter member of the Michigan Development and Financing Association — and, from 1991 to 1992, he sat on the board of directors of the new organization.

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Unfortunately for the City of Romulus, Oakes and his 44-year-old wife, Doris

Chimera, will soon be moving to Richmond, Virginia. For the past five years, she worked at Detroit's Harper Hospital in hospital administration, in charge of neurosciences and neurology. In January 1993, she accepted a similar position at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital, a university-affiliated health-care center.

Obviously proud of his wife's success, Oakes stated, "Doris was picked from a Nationwide search for this position. Actually, she's already in Richmond and on the job. After taking care of things around here, I'll be joining her around mid-March."

He then added that he is presently looking for employment in the Richmond area. After 22 years in planning, Oakes seems excited about the prospect of working in a new field, as planning jobs are somewhat scarce in Richmond.

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Oakes and Chimera have known one another for 10 years, and have been married for two. They share their household with three dogs and two cats.

In his leisure time, Oakes likes to sing karaoke, having been a musician in college. In addition, he enjoys reading and doing home improvements.

Together, the couple likes dining out, golfing, and going to movies — "the usual 'couple' things," as Oakes put it.

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When queried as to his overall planning career, Oakes smiled and said, "I've enjoyed it very much. To me, public service is an honor."

"Also, being a planner has given me a chance to make a lot of things happen to help the community. It's also given me an opportunity to meet, and exchange ideas with, a lot of other public officials from different areas of the State."

During his tenure in Romulus, Oakes has been a major player in helping the community grow and prosper. For all this, he will be missed . . . but, perhaps more significantly, he will also be missed by numerous people because of what Dennis Oakes is: a genuinely nice guy. □

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Registrants (parent or guardian must be present) must bring a birth certificate and proof of residence to registration, as well as the fee of \$25

per individual enrollment or \$35 per family.

Team divisions are based on the players' age: T-Ball (ages six to seven), Minors (eight to 10\*), Majors (10 to 12), Juniors (13), Seniors (14 to 15), and Big League (16 to 18).

\*All 10-year-olds must "try out" for Majors. □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1993

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 25, 1993, was called to order by President Wilkerson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Hoffman absent (excused) and Member Patterson absent. All Administrators were present.

(Member Patterson entered the meeting at 7:33 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wilkerson.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell recommended the following changes to the Agenda: Under Report of the Superintendent, add Item A. 1. "MEAP Status" and delete Item B. "Ratification of REA Contract".

1/93/13 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1/93/14 Moved by Langley supported by King the Minutes of December 21, 1992, and January 11 and January 18, 1993, be approved as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Senior portraits and lack of textbooks at Senior High were discussed by Mrs. Szente.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Employment:** Sarah Smith, Teacher – Barth (Prob.), Eff. 1/19/93.

B. **Resignation:** Jennifer Meeks – Tech. Aide, Sr. High, Eff. 1/15/93.

1/93/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board approve the Personnel Actions presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### MEAP Status

Dr. LeCesne presented a MEAP status report to the Board.

1/93/16 Moved by Bales supported by Langley the Board approve the continuation and expansion of Saturday Academy for the second semester. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

1/93/17 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Field Trip – New York City

1/93/18 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board authorize the Advanced U.S. History Class to visit New York City from March 25, 1993, through March 28, 1993. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### "Thank You" to Local 64 Members – Middle School

1/93/19 Moved by Langley supported by Kesner the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve forwarding letters of "thanks" to the individuals (and their personnel files) for their outstanding efforts and the unselfish giving of their time to assure the orderly opening of our Middle School after Christmas break. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

(The Board took a short recess from 8:43 P.M. to 8:47 P.M.)

##### Request for "TAP" Funds

1/93/20 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson to table this item. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Jostens Consultant Contract

1/93/21 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the contract as presented with Jostens Learning Corporation. Contract not to exceed \$90,870. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Memo from Lobbyist – House of Representatives Shared Leadership

Memo from Lobbyist presented to the Board.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Dolan Memo – NJROTC; 2) Michigan Humane Society – "Thanks"; 3) Krupin Letter – High School Gas Leaks; and 4) Letter of "Thanks" – Chuck Shamey.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley: Discussed High School construction.

Member Bales: Asked for information on size of schools for athletic classifications.

##### Executive Session – Negotiations

This item was cancelled.

##### Adjournment:

1/93/22 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

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### SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 1, 1993

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, February 1, 1993, was called to order by Treasurer Bales at 7:33 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Patterson and Wilkerson absent (both excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Bales.

#### Approval of Agenda:

2/93/1 Moved by King supported by Hoffman the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

##### Bond Refinancing

2/93/2 Moved by King supported by Hoffman the Board approve the resolution to refund a portion of our 1991 Bond Issue as recommended by our attorney, Thomas Nordberg. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Ratification of REA Contract

2/93/3 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board of Education ratify the teacher contract covering the period from 1992 through 1994. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Lawsuit Settlement – Executive Session Briefly

2/93/4 Moved by Langley supported by Hoffman the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:46 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:55 P.M.

2/93/5 Moved by Langley supported by Hoffman the Board authorize the Administration to settle the McAnally lawsuit. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

There were no questions/concerns of Board Members this evening.

##### Adjournment:

2/93/6 Moved by Hoffman supported by King the Board meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## RJHS "Happenings"

### Sandusky Is Spelling Champ

During January, which is "Spelling Month" at Romulus Junior High School, the language arts classes go through a process of selecting classroom spelling champions. The language arts teachers who facilitated this process were: Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Firestone, Mrs. Rinehart, Mr. Murawski, and Mr. Banas. Seventh-grade winners met in a contest held after school to determine their grade's overall winner; eighth-grade winners underwent a similar process. Finally, the two grades' winners met to determine who was the Romulus Junior High School Spelling Champion for 1993.

This year, the classroom winners were: Yoruba Mitchell, Myra Lockhart, Ebony Sandusky, Brian Holbrook, Ted Kesner, Tiffany Faison, Angie Parks, Steve Herauf, Chris Potter, Jeremy Hall, Nina Estes, Jennifer Kelley, Darryl Delaney, Phillip Love, Adrian Mattson, Sheila Sobocinski, Daniel Corry, Megan Gilliland, and Ryan Malloy.

Contests between these star spellers resulted in Jeremy Hall, a member of Mrs. Firestone's class, receiving the title of Seventh-grade Spelling Champion, while Ebony Sandusky, from Mrs. Bird's class, was the Eighth-grade Champ. The two competed for the School's Spelling Championship, which was won by Ebony Sandusky.

Ebony will attend the District Spelling Championship this month and vie for a chance to represent her school at the Michigan State Championship. State championship winners win a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Championship.

### Parents Invited to Guest Lecture

John Gross – who has done more than 300 network sports reports, with stories shown on programs such as *Today* and *Good Morning America* – will be giving several presentations at Romulus Junior High School on Wednesday, February 17.

Presentations given to students during the day will focus on self-esteem, how to get better grades, how to set goals and reach them, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and the power of persistence. At an after-school program for teachers, Gross will talk about "Turning On the Turned Off." Finally, parents are invited to attend a 7 p.m. presentation called "Surviving the Teen Years."

For more information, call 722-1050.

### Recognition Club Plans Outing

The purpose of Romulus Junior High School's Recognition Club is to acknowledge those students who have done excellent work, both behaviorally and academically. Nominees for the club are chosen by RJHS teachers, and these students are invited to an out-of-school field trip.

The Club is currently planning its first outing of the school year to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where members will be treated to: a panel discussion led by U of M students; a tour of the campus; lunch at the Michigan Union; and a tour of the U of M stadium.

### Black History Dance Assembly

In a special half-hour program, the dance students of Romulus High School's modern dance teacher, Ms. Judy Thompson, will perform at an assembly for Junior High students later this month. The event promises to be fun for all! □





### Museum Hours

Romulus Historical Museum (located in Downtown Romulus next to the Post Office) is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. except during major holidays. Admission is free. The Historical Museum also houses a collection of papers and manuscripts that are available for researchers' use during regular hours. For more information, call 942-2340. □



## St. Aloysius School's January Students of the Month

St. Aloysius Catholic School has proudly announced its students of the month for January.

### Ashley Pawlowski

Ashley wears a bright smile that reflects her warm and gentle personality. She is a very thoughtful and considerate student who lends a helping hand whenever possible.

Ashley attended preschool for one year before entering kindergarten, which encouraged her present eagerness to learn. She enjoys sounding out words, which has recently prompted her to begin reading easy books.

At home, Ashley likes to read to her mom and grandmother.

She is a joy to have in kindergarten, and everyone at St. Aloysius is glad to have her aboard.

### Janai Wade

Janai is easy to get along with, and gets along very well with her classmates.

She is conscientious about doing her work and helpful in the classroom. Janai also shows respect toward others.

She is pleasant to have in class, and the St. Aloysius staff and students are very proud of her.

### David Denstedt

David was chosen as a student of the month because he is a very special person.

David is a cooperative student. When asked to do something, he does it without question. David is also a responsible student. He takes on tasks without having to be asked.

David displays Christian values in his interactions with others. He gets along exceptionally well with his peers. David is nonjudgmental and easy-going.

He is a pleasure to have as a student, and his classmates agree that he is a good friend, as well.

Congratulations to all! □

## Band Students Win 138 Medals at Solo and Ensemble Festival

By Richard Kruse, director of bands, Romulus Junior High School

Saturday, January 30, marked a big day for the band students of Romulus Junior High School, as they participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Eighty-five of the more than 100 students competing garnered medals. Twenty-seven events involving 48 different students received the coveted "I" or First Division rating, with an additional 31 groups at the Second Division level.

Principal Andrea Williams wished to congratulate these students on their achievements, noting that many groups practiced on their own around the School halls, since the band room was still under construction.

Groups receiving First Division ratings were: Chucky Hamby and Troy Thompson (snare drum duet); Kelly Callison and Troy Thompson (snare drum duet); Kelly Callison and Chucky Hamby (snare drum duet); Charise Phillips and Charla Seibert (French horn duet); Tameka Brown and Kellie Massey (bass clarinet and baritone duet); Carly Brown, Quaylynn Barden, Sonya Rush, and Karen Crova (clarinet quartet); Emma Parker and Andrew Carter (clarinet duet); Erica Rinehart, Lianna Daly, and Monica Moore (flute trio); Sarah Hudson, Melissa Kufel, and Amanda Williams (saxophone trio); Beccy Oleszkewicz (trombone solo); Melissa Kufel, Sarah Hudson, Amanda Williams, and Greg Stephens (saxophone quartet); Tonice Gilkey, Dezzera Freeman, and Latasha Stovall (clarinet trio); Roger Kehn and Josiah Joiner (baritone duet); Quaylynn Barden and Cynthia King (clarinet duet); Erica Rinehart and Stephanie Thompson (flute duet); Cynthia King, Dezzera Freeman, Maria Bosnak, and Latasha Stovall (clarinet quartet); Lisa Evitts, Chad Green, and Greg Stephens (saxophone trio); Kristi Carrol, Monica Moore, and Kionta Turrentine (flute trio); Yolanda Bell and Crystal Potter (trombone duet); Jennifer Atherton and Ebony Sandusky (oboe and bassoon duet); Jason Dew and Brian Tyus (trombone duet); Andrew Imielowski, Tara Minda, and Charise Phillips (French horn trio); Takara Wilson and Melissa Plave (alto clarinet duet); Amber Long and Reginald Williams (alto saxophone duet); Lisa Evitts, Reginald Williams, and Amber Long (alto sax trio); Ted Kesner and Ameerah Khalifa (tuba

duet); and Don Schalte, Ameerah Khalifa, and Ted Kesner (tuba trio).

Second Division or "II" ratings were earned by: Beccy Marz and Nancy Wilson (cornet duet); Donna Lee, Karissa Vichinske, and Beccy Oleszkewicz (trombone trio); Amy Trojanowski and Tonice Gilkey (clarinet duet); Megan Gilliland, Theresa Van Asshe, and Jasmine Novotny (clarinet trio); Kellie Massey and Tameka Brown (bass clarinet and baritone duet); Maria Bosnak and Amy Trojanowski (clarinet duet); Tara Minda, Charla Siebert, and Tiffany Kerekes (French horn duet); Kristi Carrol and Lianna Daly (flute duet); Andy Carter and Theresa Van Asshe (clarinet duet); Tiffany Kerekes and Andy Imielowski (French horn duet); Kionta Turrentine and Kenitra Parks (flute duet); Kristi Kahl, Rene Ervin, Roger Marion, and Brandy Welch (clarinet duet); Kristi Kahl, Brandy Welch, Amanda Sergeant, and Robyn Weber (clarinet quartet); Tiffany Love, Jessica Evensen, and Beth Hemphill (flute trio); Chris Jones and Roger Kehn (baritone and tuba duet); Matt Hardt and Joshua Creith (baritone duet); Joshua Morton and Crystal Garner (cornet duet); Donna Lee and Karissa Vichinsky (trombone duet); Tiffany Love and Jessica Evensen (flute duet); Erica Lachcik and Jasmine Novotny (cornet and clarinet duet); Stephanie Elkins and Nathan Devine (cornet duet); James Lee and Adrian Mattson (cornet duet); April Bostain and Kristen Milspaugh (flute duet); Karen Crova and Carly Brown (clarinet duet); Jason Parrish and Aaron Crist (trombone duet); Shawn Neil and Terry Bell (cornet duet); Natalie Griffith and Jennifer Evensen (cornet duet); Stacy Quimby and Lisa Wands (cornet duet); Megan Gilliland and Sonya Rush (clarinet duet); and Don Schalte and Chris Jones (tuba duet).

Third Division ratings went to: Wayne Bingham and Bryant McCauley (cornet duet) and Christine Bedar and Natalie Griffith (cornet duet).

I would like to thank the parents for taking their children over to Livonia Franklin High School and for spending some quality time with their children. Next is the District Band Festival, scheduled for March 12 and March 13 at Romulus High School. The Concert Band will be performing on Friday evening, and the Symphonic Band on Saturday afternoon. □



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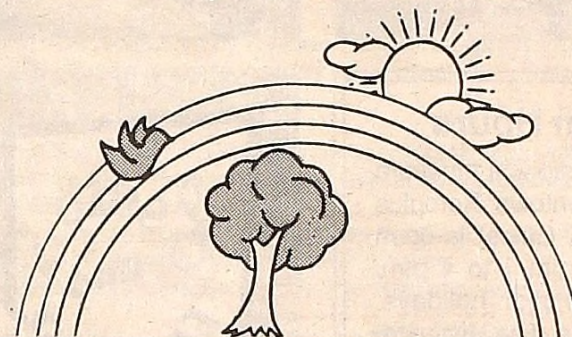
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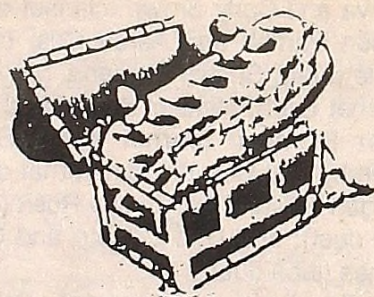
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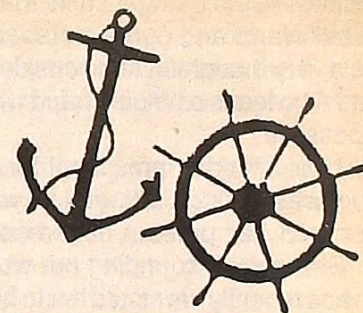
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## Stork News

Andrew Thomas Anderson



Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Andrew, are Thomas D. Anderson and Michelle R. Clark of Romulus, Michigan. Andrew was born in Riverside Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 3:17 p.m. on January 8, 1993, weighing eight pounds, eight ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas T. and Doris Anderson (Romulus, MI); Rick Hahn and Kay Clark (Garden City, MI) are the maternal grandparents. □

*Happy  
Valentine's Day  
to the mother of my children  
All my love always,  
D. Paul Nelson*

## Obituary

### Ida Pacola

Ida Pacola of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 18, 1993, at the age of 76.

Ida - who was born in Edgar, Montana, on August 13, 1916 - is survived by one son, Charles Wastchowski, and one brother, John Pacola.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church) officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI) was the site of interment. □

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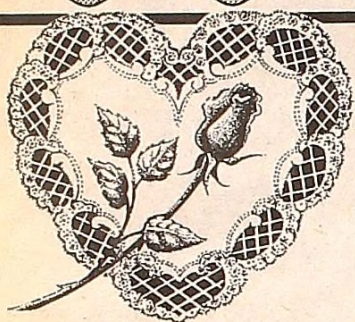
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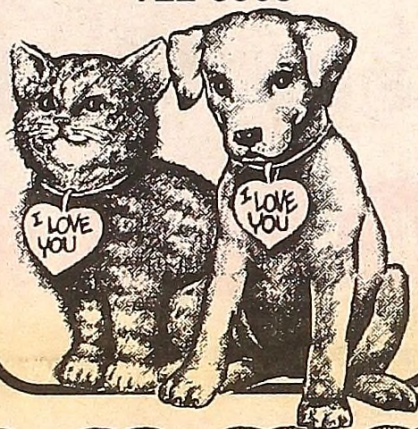
Valentine's  
Greetings  
And  
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## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

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Day to all our best  
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## Valentine's Greetings!

Time's running out to  
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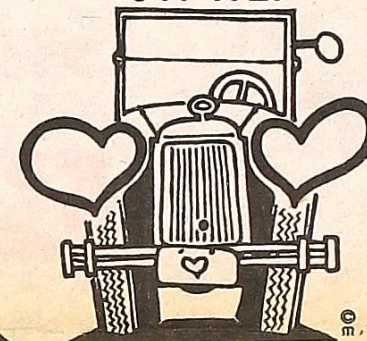
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## You Light Up Our Life

Throughout the year  
we're glad you're  
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Valentine's Day has  
come we're delighted  
to thank everyone!

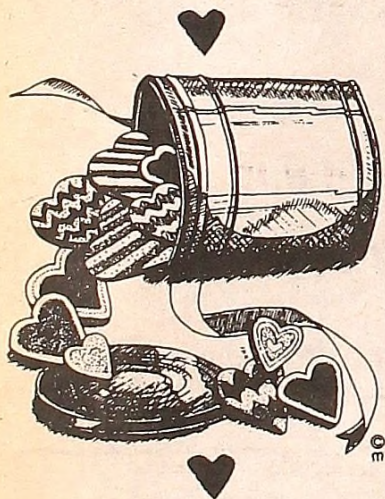
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We wish  
everyone a world  
of happiness on  
Valentine's Day.

**Mayor  
Beverly  
McAnally**  
City of Romulus



We hope so! Our love  
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